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Whitehal, April 6.

HIS Majesty has been pleased to cause His Proclamation to be issued for a General Fast.

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FOr the imploring a Blessing from Almighty God upon His Majesty and all His Dominions, and for the averting of those Judgments which our manifold Sins and Provocations have most justly deserved; The King's Most Excellent Majesty hath thought fit, and doth hereby Command, That a General Fast, and Day of Solemn Humiliation be kept and observed throughout this His Majesties Kingdom of England, *Dominion of* Wales, *and Town of* Berwick upon Tweed. *And to the intent the same may be performed with all Decency and Order, His Majesty doth hereby Publish and Declare to all His loving Subjects, and doth strictly Charge and Command, That on* Wednesday, *being the Tenth day of* April *next, this Fast shall be Religiously observed and kept within the Cities of* London *and* Westminster, *and other Places within the Weekly Bills of Mortality; wherein His Majesty in His Royal Person, and with His Royal Family and Houshold, will give Example to the rest of His People; and that on* Wednesday *the Four and twentieth day of the said Month of* April, *the like be observed and kept throughout the rest of this His Majesties Kingdom of* England, *the Dominion of* Wales, *and Town of* Berwick upon Tweed. *And His Majesty doth most strictly Charge and Command all His loving Subjects, That they do with all Christian Reverence observe and perform the same, according to the Directions that shall be given in a Form of Prayer to be by Our Order and Command Published and Dispersed for that purpose, as they tender the Honour of Almighty God, and would avoid His just Wrath and Indignation against this Land, and upon Pain of receiving such Punishment as His Majesty may justly inflict upon such as shall contemn or neglect so Religious and necessary a Duty.*

Given at Our Court at *Whitehall*, the Thirtieth day of *March*, 1678. In the Thirtieth Year of Our Reign.

Falmouth, April 1. The 28 past arrived here two Dutch Privateers, the one called the *Dolphin* of *Middleburg*, of 30 Guns, and 106 Men, and the other the *Black Eagle*, likewise of *Middleburg*, of 16 Guns. they came from the *Streights*, but have been cruising this month in the Channel; they brought in with them a Prize, being a small Vessell called the *Gift of God*, bound for *Rochel*. This day they are gone out again to Cruise. Yesterday came in here the *Flying Dragon* of *Vlissing*, mounted with four Guns, with a French Prize, called *the Mary and Anne of St. Valery*, in Ballast, bound for *Rochel*. This day arrived here the *Rebecca* of *Weymouth*, from *Port Louis* in *France*, the Master reports there lay ready to sail a Ship of 900 Tuns, very richly laden, bound for the *East Indies*, but was afraid to go out, because of the appearance of a War with *England*.

Lime, April 1. The *Francis* and *Little Rose* of this place, came in here yesterday from *Guernsey*, the Master tells us, that the Lord *Hatton*, Governor of that Isle, arrived on Friday last in the *Falcon* Frigat.

Plimouth, April 2. On Saturday last came into this Port the *Defiance*, Sir *John Ernly* Commander, and the *Centurion*, Captain *Carter* Commander, and yesterday sailed again with several Merchantmen under their Convoy, bound for the *Streights*.

Deale, April 4. This noon the *Greenwich* sailed out of the *Downes* for *Ostend*, having Soldiers on board to be landed there.

Warsaw, March 24. The Palatine of *Culme* Ambassador of this Crown at *Constantinople*, having not been able hitherto to obtain the Ratifications of the Treaty concluded the last year with the Port, but on the contrary meeting daily with new difficulties, gives us ground to apprehend, that the Turks seek an occasion of setting on foot a new quarrel with us, and so much the more, for that several advices assure us, that the Grand Vizier is endeavouring to determine by an amicable composure the differences arisen between the Port and the Moscovites concerning the *Ukraine*, which, it's probable, he would not do, but in design of renewing the War with this Crown. We are told that the Emperor by his Minister at our Court, hath complained of the assistance which is given to the Hungarian Rebels, contrary to the amity and good correspondence which is at present between the two Crowns.

Madrid, March 25. From *Cadiz* they write, that all the Effects of the Hamburgers had been arrested there, because of an Affront which had been offred to the Spanish Ambassador at *Hamburg*. *Don Juan* of *Austria* applies all his care for the setling a Fond, which may be able to supply *Flanders*, *Catalonia*, *Sicily*, &c. for a vigorous carrying on the War. We have had here much discourse of a Peace, but we find it to have been without any ground; the last Letters we received from *France* having given us an account of the progress of the French in those Countreys.

Venice, March 26. The last week we had Letters from *Constantinople*, which say, that neither the Grand Signior, nor the Grand Vizier, would go into the Field this Summer, for that there was a great likelihood that matters would be amicably composed with the Muscovites. That the Ambassador of the Crown of *Poland* had not yet been able to obtain the Ratifications of the late concluded Peace, the Turks demanding several places in the *Ukraine*, which the Poles understand were left to them by the said Treaty. From *Sicily* we have an account, that the Duke *de la Feuillade* having quitted *Messina*, and the several Forts and Castles there, was retired to *Augusta*, where it was believed he would make no stay, but return with his Troops to *France*.

Vienna,